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MUSLIM WORLD BOTTLENECKS. I met with Ops, AG, and Prod to discuss possible bottlenecks in our Muslim World program. Basically we are continuing to make good progress. Gulf Bureau has in process or on board 9 monitors if we include [redacted] (possible transferee from Nicosia), including 3 Arab, 2 Urdu, and 4 Persian dialect. The remaining Bahrain positions (3) will be held for Turkic languages and/or Kurdish. BBC will have 7 monitors for the Islamabad processing, including 2 Russian, 3 Central Asian, and 2 Afghan/Persian. Should we need more Persian monitors in Bahrain, they should logically come from the overall BBC staffing. Ops has a bottleneck with regard to the Libyan/Sudan project; even if SBA provides decent reception, there will be a commo problem getting the material out. There is also a logistics problem with regard to Islamabad; O/L has just returned numerous requisitions, some as old as 6 months, including furniture for [redacted] is scheduled to leave 10 September with [redacted]. AG has filled its 4 positions and has no problems. Regarding the 9 staff positions for Production Group, all are in process, and when candidates are on board all significant Central Asian languages will be covered. By the end of October this will also be true for JPRS contractors. (cc: C/Ops, AC/Prod, C/AG, C/E&PS, C/AS, C/LRB, C/DRD) [redacted]

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